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A.—CENTRAL SOCIETIES.

Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives.

Dacre House, Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, S.W.

Secretary: Miss Emily F. Ford.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The objects of the Association are:—

(1) To promote the training and supply of midwives to meet the requirements of the Midwives Act of 1902.

(2) To raise funds to facilitate the training of midwives in approved hospitals or other institutions. Candidates for training are chosen with extreme care, capability for practical usefulness coupled with strict integrity and a high moral standard being essential. Candidates are given free training when circumstances demand it, but wherever their means allow, they are asked to repay part of their fees. (The average cost of training is twenty guineas for a four months' course.)

(3) To continue and extend the work of the office as a centre of information; to guard the interest of the poor mother and the midwife; to take all possible steps for the improvement of their status by legislation or otherwise.

(4) To maintain the training home at East Ham started by the Association in 1903. The number of midwifery cases during 1912 was 843, and of monthly cases in which the doctor was in attendance, 243, making a total of 1,086 confinements.

(5) To form provincial branches of the Association; to co-operate with, or assist in whatever ways may appear practicable, County Nursing Associations and other local organisations which are working for the same object. The Monmouthshire Training Centre for Midwives and the Birkenhead Ladies Charity are affiliated to the Association.

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Federation of Metropolitan District Nursing Associations

(Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses).

58, Victoria Street, S.W.

General Superintendent: Miss Amy Hughes.
Secretary: Miss A. C. Lowe.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The training, maintenance and support of women as nurses for the sick poor, and establishment of homes for such nurses; and generally promotion and provision of improved means for nursing the sick poor.

The Institute is the headquarters of the affiliated nursing Associations, each of which manages its own internal affairs, subject to conditions laid down by the Institute.

The nurses of the local associations are supervised from headquarters.

Number of Nursing Associations affiliated to the Institute is 1,010.

Numbers of County Nursing Associations affiliated to the Institute are:—England, 22; Scotland, 4; Wales, 3, including the North and South Wales Nursing Associations.

Total number of Queen's Nurses, 1,908.

Districts in London where there are Associations employing Queen's Nurses and number of nurses:—

Aldgate	2
Bermondsey, St. Olave's District Nursing Association	7
Bloomsbury (Metropolitan Nursing Association)	7
Brixton	4
Camberwell	6
Central St. Pancras	4
Charlton	1
Chelsea and Pimlico	5
East London (East London Nursing Society) 3 Homes	25
East London (Sick Room Helps Society) ...	5
Eltham	1
Hackney and Eton Mission	9
Hammersmith and Fulham	8
Hampstead	3
Hampstead Garden Suburb	1
Highgate	1
Kensington (2 Homes)	8
Kilburn and West Hampstead	2
Millwall and Cubit Town	1
Paddington and Marylebone	10
Putney	1
Rotherhithe	3
Shoreditch and Bethnal Green	9
Westminster	5
Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton ...	7
Total	135

Jewish Board of Guardians—Health Committee.

125, Middlesex Street, Bishopsgate, E.C.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Hetty Cowen.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The work undertaken is mainly concerned with the prevention and treatment of consumption.

Assistance is given to consumptives to obtain necessary sanatorium and medical treatment; in 1911, 554 cases were sent as in-patients to chest hospitals, sanatoria, and other institutions. Of these, the Jewish Sanatorium at Daneswood received 68 cases, and their families were provided for during the father's or mother's absence, and the patients on their return from the sanatorium were looked after by the After-Care Committee.

Visits are paid to the homes of consumptives to give advice; 8,807 such visits were paid in 1911, and 206 visits were paid in connection with sanitary defects.

Sums are paid for nurses; special beds and bedding, and shelter are provided; grants are made to enable separate rooms to be provided for consumptive member of family. Milk is very freely given.

In the case of children, the Committee co-operates with the Invalid Children's Aid Association for the provision of surgical instruments and suitable treatment.

Close co-operation is also maintained with the Westminster Health Society, and the Stepney Tuberculosis Dispensaries.

The Committee works in every borough where there are Jews, but the majority of the cases are in Stepney and Bethnal Green.

London Biblewomen and Nurses' Mission (Ranyard Nurses).

Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.

Secretary: Miss Puxley.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The Ranyard Nurses are a body of full-trained hospital nurses engaged in nursing the sick poor in their own homes, in various parts of London, and using their influence to uplift the lives of the people. The nurses are supervised by superintending Sisters from headquarters and supplied with necessary stores from a central store-room.

The following Homes are in connection with the Society:—

1. The Hostel, at 25, Russell Square, W.C., where district training and lectures for candidates are provided.
2. The Sea-side Convalescent Home receives patients from the various districts in which the Society is at work.
3. The Holiday Home is for the use of members of the staff.

Cases nursed during 1912, 8,738. Visits paid, 253,080 and 7,284 Sisters' visits in addition. Received in convalescent homes, 439 cases (men, women and children).

The sisters, nurses and probationers together number 85.

Nurses' Districts.

E.C.	Clerkenwell.
W.C.	Charing Cross, No. I.
	Charing Cross, No. II.
N.	Islington.
N.E.	Old Ford.
	Victoria Park.
E.	Leyton, No. I.
	Leyton, No. II.
	Stepney.
	Stratford, No. I.
	Stratford, No. II.
	Whitechapel, No. I.
	Whitechapel, No. II.
S.E.	Anerley.
	Blackheath Hill.
	Camberwell United Girls' School Mission.
	Catford.
	Deptford.
	East Greenwich, No. I.
	East Greenwich, No. II.
	East Greenwich, No. III.
	Forest Hill, No. I.
	Forest Hill, No. II.
	Greenwich.
	Greenwich, St. Pauls.
	Greenwich, Waterside.
	Hatcham, No. I.
	Hatcham, No. II.
	Hatcham Park.
	Hatcham, New.
	Kennington.
	Lambeth, No. I.
	Lambeth, No. II.
S.E.—*cont.*	
	Lambeth, No. III.
	Lambeth Road.
	Lee.
	Lewisham High Road.
	Morden Hill.
	New Cut.
	New Kent Road.
	Newington Butts.
	Old Kent Road.
	Peckham.
	Peckham Nursing Association.
	Penge.
	Southwark, No. I.
	Southwark, No. II.
	St. Thomas's, No. I.
	St. Thomas's, No. II.
	Sydenham.
	Sydenham, Lower.
	Westcombe Park.
W.	Ealing, No. I.
	Ealing, No. II.
	Notting Hill.
	Portman Market.
	Queen's Park.
	Westbourne Park.
S.W.	Brixton.
	Earlsfield.
	Kew.
	Tooting, No. I.
	Tooting, No. II.
	Wandsworth, No. I.
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Dispensaries.

Bunhill Fields.
Tuberculosis, Deptford.
Tuberculin, Kennington.
Tuberculin, St. Pancras.
Tuberculosis, St. Pancras.
Westminster, General.

Minor Ailment Centres.

Lambeth.
Norwood.
Peckham.
Wandsworth.

Mansion House Council on Health and Housing.

(Amalgamated with the National League for Physical Education and Improvement.)

4, Tavistock Square, W.C.

Secretary: Miss J. Halford.

The Council is now the London Branch of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement.

Nature and Extent of Work.

(1) Through the Housing Committee the Council undertakes the voluntary inspection of areas in the Metropolis reported as insanitary or unsuitable for habitation, and takes the necessary steps by report to the Local Authority or London County Council to have defects remedied. During 1911, 2,651 inspections were made, dealing with 1,068 cases. These were spread over 20 of the London boroughs.

(2) The Council co-ordinates local health societies at work in Metropolitan boroughs, and 47 organisations are affiliated, 35 of which are mainly concerned in promoting the health and welfare of mothers and infants.

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy.

(Federated with The National League for Physical Education and Improvement (Incorporated).

Secretary: Miss J. Halford, 4, Tavistock Square, W.C.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The study of infant mortality and health in all their relations.

The dissemination of information relating to the above, and to the care and instruction of mothers.

The encouragement of all means for the prevention of infant mortality and ill-health.

The organisation of conferences or congresses—National, English-speaking or International—on infant mortality and child welfare.

The promotion of International communications on the subject of infant mortality and child welfare by exchange of information cognate to the subject.

The co-ordination of existing societies and associations interested in the prevention of infant mortality and the promotion of child welfare.

The organisation of provincial branches.

The advancement of legislation, and the encouragement of administrative action for the prevention of infant mortality and the promotion of child welfare.

(The expression "child welfare" is intended to refer to children under school age.)

National Bureau for Promoting the General Welfare of the Deaf.

28 and 29, Gwydir Chambers, 104, High Holborn, W.C.

Secretary: Arthur E. Illingworth.

Nature and Extent of Work.

(1) Gets into touch with and promotes co-operation between all existing agencies and charities for the deaf.

(2) Collects all information available from Annual Reports, periodicals, daily papers, Government publications (Home and Foreign) and classifies such information and disseminates it for the purposes of the Bureau.

Information is now available in regard to 162 schools, missions or societies.

(3) Makes special studies of any problem affecting the deaf which may recommend itself for the purpose of investigation, and submits the results of such investigation to the Council for the purposes of public or private propaganda of suggestions or reforms.

Sub-committees deal with:—

(*a*) Lectures on the prevention of deafness.

(*b*) Employment of those afflicted with deafness in adult life.

(*c*) All matters appertaining to the medical welfare of the deaf.

(*d*) Acts of Parliament affecting the welfare of the deaf.

(4) Statistical figures in regard to questions relating to the deaf are collected.

(5) A library on deafness has been established and is constantly added to.

(6) Publishes literature on the causes and prevention of deafness; also a handbook giving information as to schools, missions, societies, &c., for the deaf.

National Health Society.

53, Berners Street, W.

Secretary: Miss Lankester.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The object of the society is to diffuse a knowledge of the laws of health in every possible way, amongst all classes of society.

Special training classes are held for women in preparation for the Sanitary Inspectors Examination Board and for the Diploma of the National Health Society, qualifying for appointments as sanitary inspectors, health visitors, &c. Two training courses are held each year.

Lectures are given on hygiene, First Aid to the injured, sick nursing, &c., at the lecture rooms of the Society, and also in private houses. Special courses are also held annually for voluntary health workers.

Publication.—A series of cheap sanitary leaflets, pamphlets, &c., are published by the Society and can be obtained at the office.

Homely talks or simple practical lectures are given in London and the suburbs at mothers' meetings, girls' clubs, &c.

National League for Physical Education and Improvement.

(Incorporated 1905.)

4, Tavistock Square, W.C.

Secretary: Miss J. Halford.

Nature and Extent of Work.

(1) Acts as a propagandist body on matters relating to the physique of the nation. It distributed in 1912 172,198 copies of its various health publications, designed to promote physical education and improvement.

(2) Co-ordinates and extends the work of health agencies already established, and helps to start such organisations where none exist. Has 101 branches and affiliated local societies, which carry on valuable general health work.

(3) Promotes fresh legislation where necessary.

(4) Through Special Committees, deals with questions relating to milk, physical training, organised recreation for children, health visiting, and medical inspection of children in schools, housing, &c.

(5) Investigates and publishes reports on such matters as the spread of municipal and philanthropic health visiting, methods, and work of "Schools for Mothers" and similar institutions, physical education in foreign countries, medical inspection, school clinics, housing conditions, &c.

(6) Acts as an information bureau on a large number of subjects in which the League is interested.

(7) Has a department specially devoted to infant welfare work, which seeks to bring into close relationship all who are engaged in the work of infant consultations, schools for mothers, and similar organisations, and to promote the establishment of such institutions.

Nurses' Social Union (which has adopted the title of The National Union of Trained Nurses).

President: Miss Amy Hughes, Q.V.J.I.

President, London Division: Miss Haughton, Guy's Hospital.

Secretary: Miss Pye, 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The Union has two main objects:—

1. To unite all members of the nursing profession in one body.
2. To bring about a fuller understanding and co-operation between nurses and other social workers.

The headquarters of the Union are at 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Books, pamphlets, posters, and other requisites for health work are stocked there for the use of members and social workers generally. The members now number about a thousand, and represent hospital, private, district, and school nurses, as well as health visitors and lecturers, sanitary inspectors, &c.

Trained nurses only are eligible for membership, but all who are interested in health questions are welcomed as associates.

Frequent lectures and meetings are provided by each branch, and believing that co-operation is one of the greatest needs of the day, these are not restricted to "professional" subjects, but are arranged with a view to rousing interest in and sympathy with all efforts which are directed towards the prevention of sickness or ill-health.

The Royal Sanitary Institute.

90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.

Secretary and Director: E. White Wallis, Esq., F.S.S.

Nature and Extent of Work in London.

The Institute promotes the advancement of sanitary science and diffuses knowledge relating thereto. Its membership includes workers and administrators interested in the large field of hygiene, and numbers over 4,300.

The annual income is from £8,000 to £9,000.

It owns a large library of literature on subjects connected with sanitation, including reports of medical officers of health. It maintains the Parkes Museum, to which the public are allowed free admission, and which contains a great variety of the most approved forms of apparatus and appliances relating to health and domestic comfort.

Five sessional meetings were held in London in 1912 for the reading of papers and for discussions upon subjects connected with sanitary science, and for visiting public sanitary works. Four special lectures were also delivered dealing with consumption. The total attendances numbered 745.

Congresses are frequently held for the consideration of subjects relating to hygiene; in connection with them, conferences are arranged for municipal representatives, port sanitary authorities, veterinary inspectors, medical officers of health, engineers and surveyors, sanitary inspectors and ladies; and exhibitions of sanitary apparatus and appliances are held at which medals are awarded.

In 1912, 124 lectures and demonstrations for sanitary officers in school hygiene and for women health visitors were given, at which the total attendances were about 4,400. There were also 30 lectures and set demonstrations on meat inspection, at which the total number of attendances was about 600.

Examinations for sanitary officers are held to meet the need created by the passing of the Public Health Act in 1875 for qualified men to carry out duties of inspector of nuisances.

In 1912, there were 10 examinations held in London, in sanitary science, in school hygiene, for women health visitors,

for inspectors of nuisances, and for inspectors of meat; 359 candidates were examined. 104 examinations were also held in the provinces and in Colonial centres, at which 1,081 candidates were examined.

The Institute publishes monthly a Journal on matters connected with the public health and with sanitation. It also watches and advances legislation affecting matters of sanitation.

In addition to the work carried out in London, enumerated above, the Institute arranges a number of meetings in the provinces, and has Branches and Examination Boards established in nearly all parts of the Empire.

The Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

13, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.

Hon. Secretary: Thos. E. Dee, Esq.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The Association was founded in 1883 under the title of "The Association of Public Sanitary Inspectors," and was Incorporated by License of the Board of Trade in 1891, under the title of "The Sanitary Inspectors' Association."

The objects for which it was established are shown in the following extracts from the Articles of Association:—

The promotion and exchange amongst its members and others of such knowledge of sanitary science as falls within the department of a sanitary inspector engaged in carrying out the duties imposed upon him by the Public Health Acts, Local Government Acts, and other Sanitary Acts for the time being; and the knowledge of the rights, liabilities and duties of sanitary inspectors.

The general promotion of sanitary science and kindred objects.

To purchase, take on lease, or otherwise hold real and personal estate which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.

To take any gift or property for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

To organise, found, maintain and hold classes for the study of sanitary science, the laws relating to public health and science, and the rights, liabilities and duties of sanitary inspectors.

To establish and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture and class rooms, or other institutions; to undertake lectures and other demonstrations; to hold meetings, congresses, and exhibitions; to test sanitary objects and apparatus, to award medals and certificates of merit for any such objects, apparatus, or appliances; to issue, edit, and publish books, pamphlets, or other literary matter relating to or connected with sanitary science and

kindred subjects; and to endow and receive property for the endowment of such a library, laboratory, institution, and to grant scholarships or other rewards to successful students.

To hold examinations and to grant and award prizes for proficiency in sanitary science and kindred subjects.

Full particulars and syllabus of the examinations and prizes offered can be obtained by sending stamped addressed foolscap envelope to the Hon. Secretary.

Out of the total membership of nearly 1,700, about 250 are sanitary inspectors appointed under the provisions of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891.

The Sickroom Helps Society and Nurses' Home.

24, Underwood Street, Whitechapel, E.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Model, 105, Fellows Road, N.W.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The object of the Society is maternity and sick nursing and the care of the home among the Jewish poor in the East End.

The Society holds the position of a Women's Sick Benefit Society, the members paying from 1*d.* upwards per week.

The nurses live in the Home at 24, Underwood Street. Cases of sickness are nursed in the patients' own houses; lying-in cases are usually nursed in the patients' own homes. In the maternity wards attached to the Home cases are admitted which it is desirable either on account of special care or for educational purposes should be treated in an institution.

A feature of the work of the Society is the employment of helps, *i.e.*, handy women who are sent in to the homes daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., to take the mother's place while she is laid up by reason of confinement or of sickness. They undertake ordinary household duties, and are superintended by trained nurses, who give the necessary professional care. The contributions paid by members are to secure these helps: the actual nursing is free, and charitable contributions are collected to cover the expenditure on nursing and for the upkeep of the Home.

The total number of maternity cases dealt with in 1911 was 1,989; of these, 1,483 were members contributing to the Provident Branch.

The number of sick patients (other than maternity cases) was 819.

Eleven nurses are employed.

Ninety helps are employed.

The Society works in the districts of Stepney, Whitechapel, and Bethnal Green.

A Mothers' and Babies' Consultation Centre has been added to the usual work and has been held regularly once weekly since December, 1911.

Women's Imperial Health Association.

7, Hanover Square, W.

Secretary: Miss E. M. James, B.A.

Nature and Extent of Work.

(1.) Aims at instructing the women of the Empire in elementary principles of hygiene and at imparting knowledge regarding the care of children.

(2.) Organises health lectures and meetings and health caravan tours. Lectures are illustrated by cinematograph films. Over 200 lectures were given in 1911, and the average audience was 72. The average audience at caravan lectures was 159.

(3.) Establishes local branches and co-operates with affiliated and kindred societies and local sanitary authorities.

(4.) Distributes leaflets and health literature.

(5.) Forms Central Bureau of Information on questions of health.

(6.) Encourages and financially assists the institution of new health-promoting agencies, such as schools for mothers, on condition they work in co-operation with the medical officer of health. During 1912 such schools started in Lambeth, Tottenham, and North Kensington.

Women's League of Service.

31A, Mortimer Street, W.

Hon. Secretaries: Dr. Florence Willey; Dr. Barbara Tchaykovsky.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The League's aim is to provide adequate nourishment for new-born infants by nourishing the mother, and to give them a clean and healthy environment by helping the mother to be a good home maker.

This end is accomplished mainly by:—

(1) The provision in certain districts of the Metropolis of Dining Room Centres where expectant or nursing women can obtain a good dinner daily for 2*d*. (or, if necessary, free).

(2) Personal visits of trained workers in the homes of such women to give advice on matters of health. No relief is given, but, where necessary, cases are referred to appropriate societies.

The League is careful to co-operate with municipal authorities and voluntary agencies.

During 1911—

28,989 dinners were served.

2,040 visits in the homes were paid.

There are centres at King's Cross, Marylebone, Battersea, and Hammersmith.

Women Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

Hon. Secretary: Miss E. J. Charlesworth, 24, Lowman Road, Holloway, N.

Nature and Extent of Work.

The Association is established to safeguard the interests and improve the status of women sanitary inspectors and health visitors, and to promote the interchange of such knowledge of sanitary and social science as is likely to be of assistance to them and others.

The Association has members in all parts of the country; these are divided into groups and centres, each group or centre elects its own representative on the Executive Committee, which meets in London once a month.

Meetings of the Association are held each month from October to May inclusive, when lectures on various phases of public health and social welfare are given; members also discuss the means open to them both for direct and indirect advancement of public health.

The Vigilance Sub-Committee reports to the Association on all legislative and administrative matters bearing on the questions with which the Association is concerned.

The Association is affiliated to the National Union of Women Workers, and is represented on several bodies, including the Advisory Committee to the Insurance Commissioners (England); The Women's Industrial Council, The Mansion House Council, The Central Health Committee, &c.

B.—LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Battersea.

Battersea Voluntary Health Society.

22, Cambridge Road, Battersea.

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. G. Crawley, 22, Argyll Road, Kensington, W.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Two voluntary inspection centres for children under school age, Caius Mission in co-operation being responsible for one. The children are followed up, and treatment obtained, on much the same lines as School Care Committee medical work.

General health visiting: 173 cases visited in 1912; 9 visitors were at work in April, 1913.

Training of voluntary health workers: Hygiene students from Battersea Polytechnic receive practical training from the Society.

Prevention and treatment of tuberculosis: Phthisis dispensary was initiated by the Society.

The Society visits out-patient cases resident in the district at the request of the Lady Almoners of the following hospitals:—Brompton, St. Thomas, General Lying-in, York Road, St. George's and Westminster; and also follows up in-patient cases after discharge.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority; the Medical Officer of Health is a member of the Society's Committee and the visitors visit, and report to the Public Health Department, on cases referred to them by the Municipal Health visitors.

The Society also co-operates with the Municipal Baby Weighing and Milk Depot, the Women's League of Service, Mothers' Dining Rooms, Queen's Place Infant Clinic, and the Phthisis Dispensary.

Bermondsey.

Babies Institute (and Babies' Guild, Great Central Hall, Bermondsey Street, S.E.).

39, Princes Street, Rotherhithe, S.E.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Mary Simmons, Bermondsey Settlement Women's House, 149 Lower Road, Rotherhithe, S.E.

Superintendent: Miss A. M. Butcher, St. George's House, West Lane, Bermondsey.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. B. A. Richmond, 95, Lower Road, Rotherhithe, to whom the Superintendent refers when necessary.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers: 1,526 attendances in 1912.

Infant weighing: 800 attendances in 1912.

Maternity Provident Club: 4 members at close of 1912.

General health visiting: 499 visits paid in 1912, and 3 visitors were working at the close of the year.

Health lectures generally: 40 were given during 1912.

Daily allowances of milk are given to expectant or nursing mothers for three to six weeks when necessary; 35 such allowances were given in 1912.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health being on the Committee of the Institute and attending when possible.

Much help for nursing mothers is received from the Invalid Dinner Kitchen, Jamaica Road; dinners given for three weeks or longer, if really necessary.

Camberwell.

Camberwell School for Mothers.

137, Camberwell Road.

Secretary: Miss A. Lilian Seth-Smith.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary contributions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers.

Infant weighing: average attendance numbers about 20.

Mothercraft competitions.

General health visiting: weekly visits average 40.

Health lectures generally: one given each week.

Training of voluntary health workers.

At the sewing class there is an average attendance of 27 and at the health class average attendance is 50.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Medical Officer of Health is in sympathy with the work, and the school co-operates in regard to cases from the York Road Hospital and the Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Chelsea.

Chelsea Health Society.

2, Glebe Place, King's Road, S.W.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Ogilvie, 15, Evelyn Gardens, S.W.

Secretary: Miss F. G. Hobart, 17, Cornwall Mansions, Chelsea, S.W.

Medical Officer: Dr. Reginald Jewesbury.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions, and by the free services of the Medical Officer of Health, who is Chairman of the Society.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Medical inspections: A medical inspection centre is open once a week for examination of infants and other children under school age. The Medical Officer then advises on matters affecting children's health. (In 1912 only infant consultations were held. The number of attendances at these was 928.)

General health visiting: eight visitors were at work at end of 1912.

Housing and sanitation: seven defects dealt with in 1912.

Necessitous cases are referred to the most suitable charitable society.

Visits are paid to the homes of infants and other children under school age.

Cases referred by the Almoners of the various hospitals are visited and instructed how to carry out the prescribed treatment; reports are furnished when necessary.

The supervision of those women who have applied to St. George's Hospital for maternity treatment is undertaken and advice as to preparations, &c., is given.

A large number of cases referred by various organisations and responsible individuals are visited and dealt with according to their various needs.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The Medical Officer of Health is Chairman of the Society and visits are paid to infants whose births have been notified under the Notification of Births Act.

The Society also co-operates with the Charity Organisation Society, the Invalid Children's Aid Association, Mrs. Gordon's Penny Dinners for Nursing Mothers, the Children's Care Committees and other agencies working in Chelsea.

Deptford.

The Deptford Fund. (The Fund also operates in the Borough of Greenwich.)

The Albany Institute, Deptford, S.E.

Organising Secretary: Mrs. Lamert, 24, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.

Medical Officer: Dr. Elmslie Crabbe, who attends once a week at the Albany Institute.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions. The Municipal Health Visitors give their services.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers: 1,926 attendances in seven months.
Infant consultations: } 546 attendances in 25 weeks.
Infant weighing: }
Dinners for nursing mothers: 2,000 given in 12 months.

Milk is provided for nursing mothers; the mothers pay 1*d.* per quart, the Fund paying the remaining 3*d.*

The giving of milk is continued for the whole period of nine months' nursing to each woman, also cod liver oil and emulsion on doctor's order.

General health visiting: Five lady visitors are at work.

Health lectures generally: One course has been given by London County Council lecturer.

The mothers' club has a growing weekly average of 75 or 85 women and about 27 to 30 babies are weighed every week.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Fund co-operates with the public health department of the local authority; the medical officers of health for Greenwich and Deptford have held weekly consultations for the Fund gratuitously and the official health visitors conduct the baby weighings.

Finsbury.

Finsbury Council of Social Welfare.

The Town Hall, Rosebery Avenue, E.C.

President: The Mayor of Finsbury.

Chairman of Executive Committee: Alderman Enos Howes, J.P.

Hon. Secretaries: Mr. Hugh Green (Deputy Town Clerk), Mr. A. H. Paterson and Miss M. E. Hancock.

Hon. Registrar: Mr. J. Allan Battersby (Clerk, Holborn Board of Guardians).

There is no health society in this borough, but the Finsbury Council of Social Welfare, established in January, 1911, to bring into close and working alliance municipal and voluntary effort to improve the social conditions of the borough, appointed in March of that year a health sub-committee, which, until October, 1912, was responsible for the work of the phthisis visiting by a paid and qualified visitor.

Since the phthisis visiting was given up the Health Committee of the Finsbury Council of Social Welfare has been engaged in conducting a very careful enquiry into the work of the public health authorities and all voluntary agencies in connection with the care and assistance of infants in the borough and the instruction and relief of nursing mothers. It has been found that 35 voluntary agencies undertake work of this kind to some extent in addition to four infant weighing centres conducted by the official health visitors of the Finsbury Borough Council.

As a result of this enquiry the Finsbury Council of Social Welfare approached the Public Health Committee of the Finsbury Borough Council with the following proposals:—

(*a*) That there is ample room in the borough for the utilisation, as an auxiliary to the official public health effort to reduce the high infantile death rate, of the large amount of voluntary help which is available both for purposes of relief and education.

(*b*) That it is desirable a Central Association, upon which all public health interests in Finsbury must be adequately represented, should be at once formed to co-ordinate, strengthen and train such voluntary help on approved lines.

(*c*) That such voluntary help, strengthened, co-ordinated and trained, should be made available as a supplementary health agency to further, under official direction, the work of the Public Health Department.

The Public Health Committee expressed their agreement with this proposal, and a conference of representatives of all public health interests concerned was called by the Public Health Committee in the autumn, and an "Infant Care Association" formed on the lines indicated.

Fulham.

Fulham School for Mothers.

90 and 92, Greyhound Road, Fulham, and 170, Wandsworth Bridge Road, South Fulham.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Guy Dawnay, 52, Rutland Gate, S.W.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. J. C. Jackson, M.O.H., Dr. Alice Benham, and Dr. Mildred Burgess. Each takes one day a week for consultations. Dr. Burgess attends at South Fulham.

Salaried Superintendent: Miss E. M. Williams.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary contributions, and the medical officers give their services.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers: 7,106 attendances in 1912.
Infant consultations: 5,497 attendances in 1912.
General health visiting: 3,529 visits paid in 1912; there were two visitors at the close of the year.
Courses of lectures given in cookery, infant care, and dress-making, knitting, mending, &c. The number of attendances at these is included in the total 7,106.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the local authority by the medical officer of health serving on the committee of the school and taking the infant consultations once a week.

Greenwich.

The Deptford Fund. (This Fund also operates in the Borough of Deptford.)

The Albany Institute, Deptford, S.E.

Organising Secretary: Mrs. Lamert, 24, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.

Medical Officer: Dr. Elmslie Crabbe, who attends once a week at the Albany Institute.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions. The municipal health visitors give their services.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers: 1,926 attendances in seven months.
Infant consultations: } 546 attendances in 25 weeks.
Infant weighing: }
Dinners for nursing mothers: 2,000 given in 12 months.
Milk is provided for nursing mothers; the mothers pay 1*d.* per quart, the Fund paying the remaining 3*d.*

The giving of milk is continued for the whole period of nine months nursing to each woman, also cod liver oil and emulsion on doctors' order.

General health visiting: Five lady visitors are at work.

Health lectures generally: One course has been given by London County Council lecturer.

The mothers' club has a growing weekly average of 75 or 85 women and about 27 to 30 babies are weighed every week.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Fund co-operates with the Public Health Department of the local authority; the medical officers of health for Greenwich and Deptford have held weekly consultations for the Fund gratuitously, and the official health visitors conduct the baby weighings.

Borough of Greenwich Infant Consultations.

Conduit House, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Cooper Key, Queen's House, Greenwich.

Medical Officer: Dr. Moore, who conducts the consultations.

1. *How supported.*

Grant from Women's Imperial Health Association for one year; the services of the medical officer of health and of the lady sanitary inspector are given free.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Infant consultations: Number of attendances in seven weeks was 110.

Medical inspection of children under school age is carried out at present to a small extent.

All babies are visited by the Ranyard Nurses (pro tem.). The school only commenced operations in June, 1913.

3. *Co-operation.*

Close co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The medical officer of health gives his services; the lady sanitary inspector takes the consultations with the doctor, refers cases notified under the Notification of Births Act to the consultations, and visits infants in the homes.

Hammersmith.

Hammersmith School for Mothers.

1, Shaftesbury Road East, Hammersmith.

Hon. Secretaries: Miss Peile, 12, Addison Road, N.W., Mrs. Macgregor, Stamford Brook House, Hammersmith.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. Walter Fry and Dr. Alice Corthorn, who conduct the consultations.

Salaried Superintendent: Miss Lucas, C.M.B.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers: Number of attendances in 1912, 2,750.

Infant consultations and infant weighing: Number of attendances in 1912, 2,156.

*Dinners for nursing mothers: 192 were given in 1912.

General health visiting: 1,667 visits were paid in 1912.

Health lectures generally: 41 were given in 1912.

*Expectant and nursing mothers are given tickets for free dinners at the Hammersmith Mothers' Dining Rooms.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority by Public Health Visitor (Miss Egglestone) serving on the committee of the school.

Hampstead.

Hampstead Health Society.

27a, Heath Street, Hampstead, N.W.

Hon. Secretaries: General: Councillor T. Hancock Nunn, Rosslyn Grove, Rosslyn Hill. Sanitary Aid: Miss T. Channing, 62, Fellows Road. Phthisis: Councillor T. Hancock Nunn, Rosslyn Grove. Infants' Health: (E. Hampstead) Mrs. Edmund Grundy, 14, Thurlow Road; Mrs. H. R. Maynard, Kingswood, Antrim Road; (W. Hampstead) Miss Armstrong, The Croft, Redington Road. Lectures: Miss M. R. Topham, 17, Pond Street.

Medical Officer: E. Claude Taylor, M.D., F.R.C.S., until the appointment of a Tuberculosis Medical Officer by the Borough

Council on February 15th, 1913. He visited patients in their own homes for contact cases where no family doctor was employed and saw patients at his house under similar conditions. He also acted as consultant to the Committee.

A salaried Tuberculosis Secretary is employed and the health visitors of the Borough Council co-operate in baby-weighing, health visiting, &c.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions; free accommodation is provided by the Borough Council for Committees, and the Society has the free services of the Municipal Health Visitors and Medical Officer of Health.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers or mothers' club.

Infant consultations.

Infant weighing: attendances, 1,976.

General health visiting: 56 visitors were working at the close of 1912.

Prevention of treatment of tuberculosis: number of cases dealt with in 1912 was 215.

Housing and sanitation.

Eight health lectures were given last year.

Training of voluntary health workers.

Medical inspection of children under school age: number of inspections in 1912 was 244.

Dinners for nursing mothers are prepared at the Creche.

The Society purchases the tickets and gives them to mothers in need in co-operation with local committees of the Council of Social Welfare.

Health Institute: the Society has joined with the Borough Council and Council of Social Welfare in the establishment of the Hampstead Health Institute, which provides accommodation under the same roof for work that is being carried on for the saving of infant life, the prevention of tuberculosis and the medical care of children upon a provident basis.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. There is inter-communication of cases between the Public Health Officers and the Society's staff. The Society has provided treatment and medical attendance if necessary for all poor consumptives since 1902. Both Medical Officers attend the Tuberculosis and Infant Health Committees, and the Borough Health Visitors serve on the local committees of assistance.

All societies and municipal bodies co-operate in Hampstead through the Hampstead Council of Social Welfare.

Kensington.

Bramley Road School for Mothers.

102, Bramley Road, North Kensington.

Hon. Secretaries: The Hon. Mrs. Pelham, 3, Ashburn Place, S.W.; Miss Scott, 41, Lexham Gardens, W.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. Ronald Carter, who conducts the infant consultations.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions. The Medical Officer of Health and the Official Health Visitor lend their services.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers.

Infant consultations.

Infant weighing: approximate average attendances, 100 per week.

Dinners for nursing mothers: 197 mothers attended dinners in 1912; 12,030 dinners were given.

Mothercraft competitions.

General health visiting: 60 visits per month on an average are paid. Four visitors are at work.

Seven health lectures given in 1912.

Medical inspection of children under school age.

Forty-five sewing classes were held, and 12 cookery classes. Knitting and mothercraft classes have since been added.

One meeting for fathers was held.

3. *Co-operation.*

The school co-operates with the Public Health Department of the Local Health Authority. The Medical Officer of Health gives his advice and the Official Health Visitor helps at the infant weighings and refers cases.

Golborne Ward School for Mothers.

186, Kensal Road, North Kensington.

Hon. Secretaries: Miss Burness, 21, Pembridge Square; Miss Tatchell, 73, Holland Park.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. Sandilands, Medical Officer of Health (Hon. Medical Superintendent); Dr. Keane (Hon. Consulting Physician); Dr. Ronald Carter (conducts infant consultations).

Matron: Miss Ruddock.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers.
Infant consultations.
Infant weighing: number of attendances in 1912 was 2,026.
Penny dinners for nursing mothers: number provided in 1912 was 10,711.
Thirty-nine health lectures were given in 1912.
Sewing and cooking classes are held.

3. *Co-operation.*

The School co-operates with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The Medical Officer of Health is Hon. Medical Superintendent of the School and the Official Health Visitor conducts the infant weighings.

North Kensington (Lancaster Road) School for Mothers.

63, Lancaster Road.

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Medical Officer: Mrs. Ernest Warner, M.B., Bowstridge Farm, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Salaried Superintendent: Miss Laura Channing.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions and efforts.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Schools for mothers or mothers' club.
Infant consultations: number of attendances in 1912 was 2,137.
Dinners for nursing mothers: 5,208 given in 1912, and 331 children's dinners.
General health visiting: about 2,500 visits were paid in 1912. At close of 1912, one professional and two or three voluntary visitors were working for the School.
Health lectures generally: 18 were given in 1912.
Medical inspection of children under school age: one inspection held weekly.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority; the School works in connection with the Medical Officer of Health who refers cases of which he becomes aware under the Notification of Births Act.
The School also co-operates with the three other schools at work in the Borough.

Raymede Street School for Mothers.

1, Raymede Street, North Kensington.

Hon. Secretary (*pro tem.*): Mrs. Wilberforce Barker, 7, Prince of Wales Terrace, Kensington.

Hon. Medical Officer: Ronald Carter, Esq., M.D., who conducts the infant consultations once a week.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions. The Municipal Health Visitor gives her part services free.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers.
Infant consultations.
Infant weighings: on an average the number of attendances is 22 per week.
Dinners for nursing mothers: about 1,000 are given each month.
General health visiting: two visitors are at work.
A weekly cooking class (London County Council teacher) was held from October to March with an average attendance of eight or nine, also a sewing class once or twice weekly with attendance of about four to eight.

3. *Co-operation.*

The School co-operates with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The Official Health Visitor conducts some of the infant weighing and refers mothers to the School.
The School works in connection with the Kensington Maternity Society, and co-operates with the three other Schools for Mothers in the Borough and the Telford Road Baby Clinic. It is also in touch with the Charity Organisation Society.

Lambeth.

North Lambeth Babies' Care.

147, Kennington Road, S.E.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Constance Lidderdale.

Chairman of Executive: Dr. Joseph Priestley, Medical Officer of Health.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. Harry Spon.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for Mothers or Mothers' Club: Number of attendances in 1912 was 3,376.

Infant consultations: Number of attendances in 1912 was 642.

Dinners for nursing mothers: Number given in 1912 was 2,659.

Health lectures generally: Four given in 1912.

Visits are paid to mothers who apply to St. Thomas' or York Road Lying-in Hospitals for attendance in confinement; they are taught to make baby clothes and given advice. All infants born in the district and notified under the Notification of Births Act are systematically visited by the Health Visitor appointed by the Medical Officer of Health, up to one year. Henceforward they will be visited until they attend school, a second Health Visitor having been appointed to assist in the work.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The Medical Officer of Health is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Babies' Care and all details of the work are submitted to him.

Lewisham.

Borough of Lewisham Women's Health Society.

Hon. Secretaries: Miss J. Barr, 13, Gilmore Road, Lewisham, S.E.; Mrs. Betts, Paxford, 13, Lewisham Park, S.E.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Health lectures generally and talks to mothers.

The Society works in connection with the Lower Sydenham School for Mothers, which undertakes the following branches of work:—

Weighing of babies and doctor's advice, and lectures every Thursday afternoon. Number of attendances in 1912 was 613.

Dinners for nursing mothers twice a week. 778 were given last year.

Sewing and cutting-out class, and demonstrations of bandaging, &c., by the nurse.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Medical Officer of Health takes much interest in the work, and gives advice and information when needed.

St. Mary's School for Mothers.

St. Mary's Mission House, 44, Ladywell Park, Lewisham.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Kerans, 44, Ladywell Park.

Salaried Medical Officer: Dr. Maud Dodd, 387, Queen's Road, New Cross, who attends weekly consultations and sees each mother and child.

Hon. Superintendents: Miss Pim, 44, Ladywell Park; Miss Kerans, 44, Ladywell Park.

President: Mrs. W. W. Hough, St. Mary's Vicarage, Lewisham.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers or mothers' club. } Number of attendances in 1912 was 645.
Infant consultations and weighing. }

Dinners for nursing mothers: 284 given in 1912.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority; the Sanitary Inspector supplies the School with fortnightly returns of the births that occur in the district.

Paddington.

Paddington School for Mothers (Mothers' and Babies' Welcome), and St. Mary's Kitchen, 232, Harrow Road.

Hon. Secretary: The Hon. Eleanor Ritchie, 12 Kensington Court Place, W.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. Thoresby Jones, Dr. Hale and Dr. Simmons, who conduct the consultations.

Salaried Superintendent: Miss Amy Carlton.

Salaried Matron of Kitchen: Mrs. Murphy.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers, or mothers' club: Number of attendances in 1912 was 706.

Infant consultations: Number of attendances in 1912 was 2,903.

Dinners for nursing mothers, and cases fed: Number of cases fed in 1912 was 276.

In addition, 163 cases from the various hospitals and dispensaries of Paddington were fed.

The total number of dinners served was 5,094.

The total number of milk grants was 1,170.

The total number of beef-tea grants was 1,062.

Maternity Provident Club: Number of members at end of 1912 was 23.

General health visiting: Number of cases visited in 1912 was 1,263; five visitors were at work at end of 1912.

The Committee made arrangements to deal with cases of gastro-enteritis during the summer months, and provided special milk preparations for cases sent to them from the hospitals, dispensaries, &c., in the Borough. The number of cases sent to them was 72.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. Up to the present, the School has done a great deal of the birth visiting for the Borough Council, but, as the work has greatly increased, the Committee have asked to be relieved of this as they have not enough workers to carry it out satisfactorily.

Poplar.

Poplar Health Visiting Association.

Town Hall, Poplar (dealing with Poplar, Bow, Bromley, and the Isle of Dogs).

Secretary: Miss Matheson, Town Hall, Poplar.

Hon. Medical Officers attend infant consultations and advise the Committee generally.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions; free accommodation is provided by the Local Authority, and the Medical Officer of Health and official health visitors give their services.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers (in process of formation).

Infant consultations, at six centres.

General health visiting.

Health lectures generally.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Association co-operates with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The Medical Officer of Health, the Lady Sanitary Inspector, and two Borough Health Visitors refer cases and advise.

The Association co-operates with the Tuberculosis Dispensary, which has a Committee of voluntary helpers and visitors.

St. Marylebone.

St. Marylebone Health Society.

91, Harley Street, W.

Hon Secretary: Mrs. H. Wilson, 91, Harley Street, W.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. C. Murrell, Dr. E. Mecredy, Dr. Pickard, and Dr. E. Pritchard.

Local Hon. Secretaries: North—Miss St. Barbe. South—Miss Broadbent.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Mothers' club: South—50 members. North—148 members, average weekly attendance 90-100.

Infant consultations: Number of attendances in 1912. South —1,099. North—1,921.

Maternity Provident Club: Number of members at end of 1912, South—47. North— —.

Mothercraft competitions: One held in the South and one in the North of the borough in 1912.

General health visiting: In the South 2,026 visits and in the North 2,628 visits were paid; 21 visitors were working in the South, and 16 in the North.

The Women's League of Service has dinners for nursing and expectant mothers, and is used in the north of the borough by the infant consultations.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Society co-operates with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The medical officer of health is chairman of the executive committee of the society, and the lady sanitary inspectors notify births to the society to be visited and reported on.

St. Pancras.

North St. Pancras School for Mothers.

4, Rhyl Street, Malden Road, N.W.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Blair, 23, West Hill, Highgate, N.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. Manwood Walford and Dr. Harold Waller, who examine all infants brought to the consultations, and advise mothers on feeding and general hygiene of infants.

Salaried Superintendent: Miss E. G. Colles, who works at the school two days a week with two mornings visiting.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers: } Number of attendances in 1912 was
Infant consultations: } 1,863.

Training of voluntary health workers: One trained in 1912.

The school started work in July, 1911, and is open for two days in the week. Health talks are given for five minutes only, during a pause in the infant consultations, and the infants are visited in their homes by a trained nurse.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority; the lady sanitary inspectors of St. Pancras Borough are both members of the executive committee and visit the school, and their voluntary assistants have assisted at the infant weighing.

The school also co-operates with the Liberal Christian League Dining Centre for Nursing Mothers at Lyndhurst Hall, Warden Road, N.W.

St. Pancras School for Mothers.

1, Ampthill Square, Hampstead Road, N.W.

Assistant Secretary: Miss Nancy Williams.

Hon. Medical Officers: Miss Hardie, M.B., Miss Hunt, M.D., Miss Grogan, M.B., who conduct the consultations.

Superintendent: Miss E. M. Bennett.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers.

Infant consultations: Number of attendances in 1912, 1705.

Dinners for nursing and expectant mothers: Number given in 1912, 3,769.

Dinners for toddlers.

Milk is supplied on recommendation of the doctor.

Maternity provident club.

Mothercraft competitions.

General health visiting: Number of visits in 1912, 1,970.

Health lectures generally.

Medical inspection of children under school age.

Cookery, knitting and needlework classes are held and informal instruction is given in domestic hygiene.

Dental clinic for treatment of mothers and children under school age.

3. *Co-operation.*

The school co-operates with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The late Dr. Sykes, M.O.H., was Hon. Secretary of the school.

The school also co-operates with the various charitable organisations in the district.

Shoreditch.

Shoreditch Public Welfare Association—Health Sub-Committee.

19, New North Road, Hoxton, N.

Hon. Secretary: Miss N. M. O'Connor.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

About six general health lectures were given in 1912. The function of the sub-committee is to discuss matters of public health, &c., to voice local opinion thereon when necessary, to inaugurate health movements, but not to control them indefinitely. (The sub-committee is establishing a school for mothers at present). To increase co-operation between other agencies dealing with health in the district, and be of use to them when possible. To educate public opinion by lectures, exhibitions, &c.

3. *Co-operation.*

Representatives of many local health agencies serve on the sub-committee, and the sub-committee is in touch with the Public Health Department of the Local authority and with the Health Societies of neighbouring boroughs.

Medical Mission of the Good Shepherd.

45, 47, and 49, Harman Street, Hoxton.

Hon. Secretary: E. Holt Miller, Esq., 45, Harman Street.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. Bate, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Stansfield, Dr. Leonard Williams, Dr. Roche, and Gordon Watson, Esq.

Hon. Matron: Miss Walton.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

School for mothers.
Infant consultations.
Infant weighing: number weighed in 1912 was 794.
Maternity Provident Club.
Mothercraft competitions.
General health visiting: number of visits and cases in 1912 was 4,235.
Health lectures generally.
The babies' ward at the Mission contains 12 cots, where acute and wasting cases are nursed. Number in 1912 was 80.
In the out-patients' department children up to 14 years of age are advised by a doctor and given medicine for 2*d*. Number in 1912 was 2,721.
Midwifery cases are attended by the Mission's nurses, number of cases in 1911 was 333, and visits paid, 3,713.
District nursing is undertaken by the Mission. Number of morning dressings in 1912 was 10,015; district visits and cases, 4,235; convalescents sent away, 26.
Pure milk depot.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Mission co-operates with Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The Medical Officer of Health takes great interest in the work, and the Official Health Visitor refers cases to the Mission.

Southwark.

Borough of Southwark Health Society.

44, Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Elliot, 44, Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Infant weighing: During 1912 about 80 mothers made attendances varying from 2 to 18 at small weekly baby party for young mothers.
General health visiting: 8,000 visits or more were paid during 1912, including visits *re* tuberculosis; 8 visitors were working at the close of the year.
New cases: Maternity, 694 cases; phthisis, 259 cases; Care Committee, 194 cases (to urge medical treatment after medical examination); miscellaneous, 71 cases.
Besides these, about half as many maternity and phthisis cases were carried on from the previous year. The cases are obtained from (1) the Medical Officer of Health, (2) St. Thomas' Hospital,

(3) York Road Lying-in Hospital, (4) Guy's Hospital, (5) The Invalid Kitchen, (6) other hospitals, (7) other miscellaneous sources.

Maternity cases are kept on till the baby is two years old, unless they move. Phthisis cases are kept on till (*a*) death, (*b*) two years after arrest, (*c*) case lost by removal, (*d*) permanent residence in Home or Infirmary. About 360 cases of tuberculosis were dealt with in 1912.

Permanent records are kept of all cases. No relief is given, but cases are referred to appropriate agencies. Small parties for young mothers and babies are held weekly, and those having an invitation can attend once a fortnight. The infants are weighed and instruction is given informally.

Lectures are sometimes given to workers. Sometimes there is a short lecture for the baby party and lectures are sometimes given at neighbouring mothers' meetings.

Training: All mothers receive instruction, but no definite course of training is given; they are encouraged to read and attend lectures.

Housing and sanitation: A few defects referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Society works in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health and visits all maternity cases in one ward, and all phthisis cases in two wards for the Medical Officer of Health. The Society is also in closest co-operation with all voluntary health work done in the Borough by such bodies as the Charity Organisation Society, Invalid Children's Aid Association, hospitals, &c.

Stepney.

Jewish Baby Consultations.

19, Leman Street, E.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Coopman, 46, Blenheim Gardens, Cricklewood, N.W.

Hon. Medical Officer: Mrs. Ernest Warner, M.B., Bowstridge Farm, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, and 2, Campden Hill Terrace, Kensington, W., who examines the babies and advises mothers.

Salaried Health Visitor: Miss Pyzer.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Infant consultations: Number of attendances in 1912 was 250.
General health visiting.
Mothers' meetings in connection, held weekly.

Stepney School for Mothers.

587, Commercial Road, E.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Eyre Crabbe, The Second House, Dulwich Village, S.E.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. Cursham Corner, J.P., and Dr. J. H. Arthur, who attend once a week for infant consultations.

Superintendent: Mrs. Fleming.

1. *How supported.*

Entirely by voluntary subscriptions: lecture fees are paid by the L.C.C.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Infant consultations.
Health lectures.
Cooking, sewing and knitting classes.
Maternity provident club.
General health visiting.
Dinners for nursing mothers.

3. *Co-operation.*

Co-operation is maintained with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. Visiting is done voluntarily under the Notification of Births Act for the medical officer of health by one of the school's workers.

The school also co-operates with St. George's Infant Visiting Society.

Westminster.

City of Westminster Health Society.

Addresses—Offices: St. George's Baths, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.; 11, Golden Square, W.

Hon. Secretary: Lady Horner, 16, Lower Berkeley Street, W.

Medical Officers: Dr. David Forsyth and Dr. Reginald Jewesbury, who conduct the Infant Medical Inspections in North and South Westminster respectively.

Superintendent of Visitors: Miss Sanders.

1. *How supported.*

By voluntary subscriptions and a financial grant of £100 from the local authority towards the salary of a phthisis visitor; the local authority also permits the society's visitors to use the official health office at St. George's Baths, and bears the cost of printing some of the case cards, &c., used by the Society. The medical officer of health gives his services to the Society.

2. *Nature and extent of work.*

Infant inspections: Approximate number of attendances at the North Centre only in 1912 was 500 to 600. The number of cases was 374.

General health visiting, including visiting of infants, children under school age, school children and adults—other than tuberculosis cases: Pre-natal visiting, and the visiting of infants up to school age is undertaken by the Society's visitors. The first visits under the Notification of Births Act are paid by the municipal health visitor in South Westminster. The same cards are used by the official and the voluntary visitors and the same card index. General health visiting is done for the hospitals. The number of cases dealt with in 1912 was 7,499; four salaried visitors (three half time) and 20 voluntary visitors were working for the Society at the end of 1912. .

Prevention and treatment of tuberculosis: Tuberculosis visiting is done officially for the medical officer of health. Also for the hospitals, C.O.S., clergy, &c., when required. Number of cases dealt with in 1912 was 1,176.

Housing and sanitation: Defects found and complaints received by visitors are reported direct to the medical officer of health to be dealt with.

Eight health lectures were given in 1912.

Medical inspection of children under school age in Soho and Pimlico: Weekly inspections are held:—*North* (Soho, Strand, and Mayfair) under Dr. Forsyth at 11, Gordon Square, on Friday afternoons (opened 1912). *South* (Westminster, Pimlico and Knightsbridge) under Dr. Jewesbury at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Roehampton Street, on Thursday afternoons (opened January, 1912). No case is treated at the Centre. Advice only is given. Cases are referred for treatment to the private doctor, dispensary or hospital usually attended by the family.

School medical work is undertaken largely by the Society.

Breathing exercise classes were held in Soho during 1912 for school children who were recommended for such by doctors.

Distribution of health literature: Each mother on a first visit receives a copy of the Society's infant or pre-natal leaflet. Another leaflet is given for older children together with a simple cookery receipt if necessary. A dental leaflet is also given and found useful.

Mothers are recommended when necessary to an Association which provides dinners for nursing mothers.

Classes for mothercraft: The Society has under consideration a scheme for starting classes for expectant mothers.

Training of Health Visitors: Twelve voluntary health workers were trained in 1912. In addition to the training of voluntary health workers the Society now awards certificates for practical health training on completion of a three months' course of training. The certificates, for which a fee of 2*s.* 6*d.* is charged—the training being free—are only granted to holders of recognised diplomas such as those of the National Health Society, Royal Sanitary Institute, &c.

The training includes (1) Visiting under the Notification of Births Act and Tuberculosis Orders, school and infant medical inspection, pre-natal and general hospital cases, and (2) general office routine, the preparation of reports and records, and the indexing and filing of cases.

3. *Co-operation.*

The Society is in close co-operation with the Public Health Department of the Local Authority. The medical officer of health is chairman of the working committee of the Society and the Mayor is President. With the permission of the City Council the Official Health Office at St. George's Baths is used by the Society's visitors. The family histories compiled by the official health visitor under the Notification of Births Act, the official phthisis visitor, and the voluntary visitors of the Society, have been filed and indexed together.